



# **Fitness Check of water legislation**

**Water Framework Directive**

**Environmental Quality Standards Directive**

**Groundwater Directive**

**Floods Directive**

**Water and Marine Directors meeting**

**11-12 June 2018, Sofia**

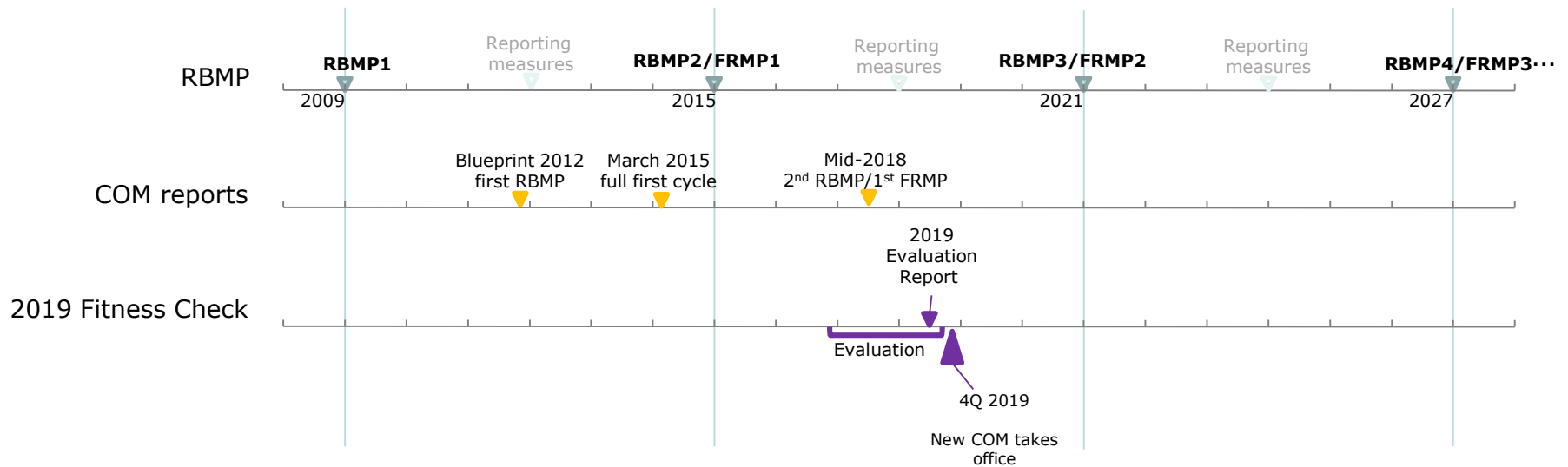
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## **Towards a Fitness Check of EU water legislation**

- Assessment of 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plans and 1<sup>st</sup> Flood Risk Management Plans (2017/2018)
- Additional inputs
- Fitness Check of EU water legislation - Commission report of fitness check (evaluation) by mid-2019

# Tentative timetable



**NB: This timetable is tentative and has not yet been formally validated by the European Commission**



# Evaluation of EU water policy

- Drinking Water Directive (2016)
- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (ongoing)
- **Fitness Check** (ongoing)
  - **Water Framework Directive**
    - ✓ **Environmental Quality Standards Directive**
    - ✓ **Groundwater Directive**
  - **Floods Directive**



## **Fitness Check EU water legislation**

- **Roadmap** published in November 2017
- **Evaluation study** started in end April 2018
- **Factual basis**
  - ✓ COM assessment of RBMPs and FRMPs
  - ✓ Study supporting the evaluation of WFD & FD
  - ✓ Integrated assessment (drivers, pressures, state, impacts, resources – and how policy areas interact)
  - ✓ Economic study (BLUE2)
  - ✓ ECA performance audit on floods (conclusion Q4 2018)
  - ✓ Other evidence and contributions (public consultations, EU water conference in Vienna, OECD study "*water investment needs and financing capacities in the 28 EU MSs*")

# Fitness Check – how will it be done?

- **Assessment criteria...**

- ✓ Effectiveness
- ✓ Efficiency
- ✓ Relevance
- ✓ Coherence
- ✓ EU value added

- **... and process**

- ✓ Elaborate baseline scenario, intervention logic, develop framework, methodology and work plan for evaluation of information and evidence
- ✓ Review relevant available information and evidence
- ✓ Consultation with Member States and key stakeholders & public participation

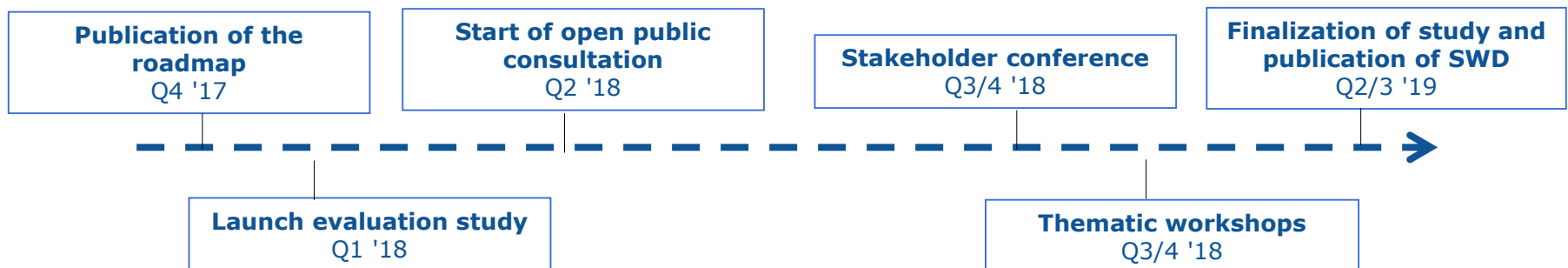


# Implementation support

- ✓ Common Implementation Strategy WP 2016-2018 and beyond
- ✓ Enforcement strategy (including infringements)
- ✓ Water – Agriculture nexus: governance, investments, knowledge & innovation -> NWRMs included)
- ✓ Water reuse regulation (minimum quality standards for irrigation)
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals in the environment
- ✓ Investment instruments (MFF post 2020)
- ✓ European Innovation Partnership on Water
- ✓ New Urban Water Agenda 2030, launched 2017

# Evaluation of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

- **Assessment of the functioning** of the directive in the past:
  - Effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, EU-added value and coherence
- **Cooperation** with WFD and Floods Directive Fitness Check ongoing
  - Joint consultation strategy
- **Consultation activities**
  - Expert work-shops in Q3/4 2018; potential topics: micropollutants, stormwater overflows and individual appropriate systems
  - Stakeholder conference in Q3/4 2018: Presentation of preliminary findings







**Thank you for your attention**

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